



*An Announcement from the  
Massachusetts Department of Mental Health*



**RE: Notice of Emergency Regulations 104 CMR 27.00 and 104 CMR 33.00**

**Emergency regulations were promulgated and effective on March 18, 2021:**

- **104 CMR 27.00 [Licensing and Operational Standards for Mental Health Facilities](#)**
- **104 CMR 33.00 [Designation and Appointment of Qualified Mental Health Professionals](#)**

Department of Mental Health promulgated emergency regulations, implementing provisions of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020 that amend portions of G.L. ch. 123. The amendments specifically authorize Qualified Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to perform certain functions under that statute that were previously restricted to physicians. DMH has exercised its regulatory authority to establish qualifications and training criteria for APRNs for the specified functions. The regulations are now in effect for a 90-day period, subject to a public comment period, and final promulgation thereafter.

The emergency regulations are posted on the DMH website and can be viewed at:  
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dmh-proposed-regulations>

**Public Hearing and Comment Period**

A virtual Public Hearing will be conducted by the Department on at 2:00 on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Comment Period ends on May 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

The [Notice of Public Hearing](#) includes a link and instructions for attending the virtual Public Hearing.